



COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

EU Integrated Border Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya)



MANDATE AND OBJECTIVES

On 17 December 2018, the European Council amended and extended the mandate of the European Union Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) from 1 January 2019 until 30 June 2020 to actively support the Libyan authorities in contributing to efforts to disrupt organised criminal networks involved notably in smuggling migrants, human trafficking and terrorism. With the new mandate the Mission's headquarters was moved to Tripoli, Tunis remaining its sub-office, and its maximum number of international staff was increased to 65.

MISSION BACKGROUND

EUBAM was established on 22 May 2013 under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) to support the capacity of Libyan authorities to enhance the security of their land, sea and air borders in the short term and to develop a broader Integrated Border Management (IBM) strategy in the long term. Due to the deteriorating security situation in Libya, the Mission was relocated to Tunis in July 2014 and from January 2015 all operational activities were undertaken outside Libya.



EUBAM Libya Head of Mission, Mr. Vincenzo Tagliaferri, with EU Delegation to Libya Ambassador, Mr. Alan Bugeja

The previous mandate until 31 December 2018 was to assist in a comprehensive civilian security sector reform planning process with a view to preparing for a possible civilian CSDP Mission, cooperating closely with and contributing to the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) efforts, while engaging with and assisting the legitimate Libyan authorities in the areas of border management, law enforcement and the broader criminal justice system. With the establishment of a light presence in Tripoli on 5 December 2017, the Mission was able to enhance its engagement with and assistance of relevant Libyan authorities, and establish itself as an important and credible coordinating and enabling partner for international support in the areas of the Mission's mandate.

MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES

Area of Operation: Libya
Headquarters: Tripoli with sub-office in Tunis
Mission Launched on: 22 May 2013
Current Mandate: 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020
Head of Mission: Mr. Vincenzo Tagliaferri
Contributing Member States: 11 (AT, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, HU, IT, NL, PL, SE)
Operational Budget: € 61,6 million (from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020)



MISSION ACTIVITIES

EUBAM supports the Libyan authorities in the areas of border management, law enforcement and criminal justice in: 1) the development of a broader border management framework in Libya, including a maritime security strategy, by providing capacity delivery and implementing concrete projects for the relevant Libyan agencies; 2) the capacity building and strategic planning within the Ministry of Interior (MoI) on law enforcement, including assistance to the UNSMIL in its police capacity building efforts; 3) institutional reform and providing strategic planning assistance to the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and broader capacity building for the relevant criminal justice actors; and 4) strategic coordination between donors and project implementation in response to Libyan needs in the abovementioned areas of engagement.

EUBAM strives to ensure an approach that protects and promotes human rights, whilst being as gender inclusive and responsive across its activities and support as possible. To this end the mission applies comprehensive conflict, rights and gender sensitive analysis prior to all activities and applies certain standard risk mitigating measures in all its activities.

In line with its new mandate, EUBAM is gradually increasing its strength and establishing a strategic coordinating and project implementation capacity to coordinate Libyan needs with the EU and other international donors as they relate to the Mission's mandate. In border management, EUBAM continues to support the Libyan National Team for Border Security and Management (NTBSM) in the development of an IBM reform in Libya (White Paper) in line with the invitation received from the Libyan authorities in March 2018. Concerning law enforcement, the Mission continues to facilitate coordination and information exchange among Libyan authorities involved in fighting organised crime and counter terrorism. To that end, it supported the establishment of two cooperation platforms, namely the National Counter Terrorism Team (NCTT) and Organised Crime Coordination Panel (OCCP). With regard to criminal justice, EUBAM continues to implement the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the Libyan MoJ in February 2018 and is facilitating Training of Trainers (ToT) for Judicial Police as well as, in close coordination with other EU actors, initiated the exploration of possible cooperation in the area of forensic analysis at the Prosecution Office.

*The European Union's **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)** includes the gradual framing of a common defence policy which might in time lead to a common defence. The CSDP allows the Union to develop its civilian and military capacities for crisis management and conflict prevention at international level, thus helping to maintain peace and international security, in accordance with the United Nations Charter. The CSDP includes a strong conflict prevention component.*

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